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The Honorable Burton S. Kolko  
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With regard to a series of recent correspondence regarding Docket No. FHWA-1997-2541, please be advised that the response of The Florilli Corporation has not been one of inaction or disregard. This matter was initiated several years ago, and unfortunately the attorney who represented The Florilli Corporation regarding this matter has since left the firm, Kightlinger & Gray. The Florilli Corporation was advised by a representative of that firm that no other counsel within that organization was adequately qualified to assume representation regarding this matter. Since that date The Florilli Corporation has been pursuing the difficult task of obtaining qualified legal representation for a matter with this historical lapse. Only recently have we received the old case files from Kightlinger & Gray. Given these facts and circumstances, The Florilli Corporation respectfully requests additional time to secure legal representation and prepare an adequate response.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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President  
The Florilli Corporation